

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
05-23-11

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

BUDGET DISCUSSION WITH SUPERIOR I & II

The Board of Commissioners met with Judge David Grund, Superior I and Judge Dan Banina, Superior II to go over their budgets for 2012. After some discussion, the Judges decided that the \$800 in each budget for extradition could be cut and extra help could be cut to \$500. Neither Court has any contracts.

ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUE

Tim Spahr, Attorney for the Town of Converse and Tony Spahr, Attorney for the Town of Bunker Hill along with the Town Marshal for each Town came before the Board with an animal control issue. Former Animal Control Officers picked up dogs in those areas but the new officers told them the Board of Commissioners said they did not need to go there because the Towns have their own ordinances and if they did come and pick up an animal there would be \$100 charge for Converse and a \$150 charge to the Town of Bunker Hill plus additional charges if they had to keep going back. Both attorneys questioned why other Towns are not being charged. Commissioner Faust called Susan Kulla and asked her to come in.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd introduced Randy Rempola from Baker & Daniels. Mr. Rempola explained that even though the Statue says MCEDA has the authority to issue bonds the USDA request that the bonds be issued by the unit (Miami County). Pat Roberts, Attorney for the Board of Commissioners, stated that since the bonds would be issued by Miami County and backed by Miami County C.E.D.I.T. dollars, the County would not be able to spend the C.E.D.I.T. dollars. Mr. Rempola said only to a certain point. If the lease payment was made then the C.E.D.I.T. dollars could be released. Mr. Roberts asked him for a legal opinion.

Mr. Roberts also asked Mr. Rempola about the bonds going against the 2% debt limit. Mr. Rempola said the bonds would not go against the 2% debt limit for the County.

Mr. Roberts and Mr. Rempola discussed whether the County could enter into another bond issuance and/or parity of bonds and that is possible.

Commissioner Chairman Boyer asked about the statement regarding the Auditor preparing and issuing the bonds. Mr. Rempola stated Baker & Daniels would prepare the bonds and the Auditor would only attest to them.

If Baldwin defaults the County would be mandated to pay.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to table for 2 weeks. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL (continued)

Susan Kulla and Ronnie Golliher came before the Board for the discussion of the Animal Control charges to the Town of Bunker Hill and the Town of Converse. Ms. Kulla stated that no one has been charged any fee. She understood that because those Towns have their own ordinances, she was not supposed to go in them. The Bunker Hill Town Marshall stated that animal control will not come to Bunker Hill without being paid. Mr. Golliher said that because the Towns have ordinances with fines built in, they were told not to go there. The Converse Town Marshal asked if the Towns did not have ordinances and fines, would the County do it at no charge. Pat Roberts said the County could only write on County ordinances and would need an inter-local agreement with the Town. Mr. Roberts will write an agreement.

Commissioner Faust verified that the process will be that the Marshals call 9-1-1 and 9-1-1 will call animal control.

COMMUNITY OF MIAMI

Travis Goodwin brought the agreement to be signed by the Board. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the agreement. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, asked Chairman Boyer if he had received the packet of information she had sent him and he had not. Mrs. Weaver asked if the Board had considered her request for a VPN card as she will be going to another car show soon and the Board replied that they were still working on it and they do not have policy in place yet.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, informed the Board that the exercise that was held last Friday went very well.

AMCO ELEVATOR

The Board received a bill from AMCO Elevator for a repair done on the elevator at the old jail in the amount of \$990.00. Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay the bill and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SAINE-SUMMERS INSURANCE BILL

The Board received a bill from Saine-Summers Insurance for an amendment regarding a sprinkler add-on policy. Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

LETTER REGARDING HOG HOUSES

The Board received a letter from Charles Smith regarding hog house being built by Mr. & Mrs. See. The letter stated his concern about the smell and the wear and tear on the road

BUSINESS 31

Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the voucher. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 1:00 and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

RECESS

BACK IN SESSION

SURVEYOR

Greg Wilkenson, Surveyor, met with the Board to discuss his budget for 2012. Mr. Wilkenson did not ask for any raises. He could possibly take a little more of the Section Corner Deputy salary out of the Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Wilkenson said he could also cut the radio repair (\$100) and Equipment (\$200).

MUSEUM

Catherine Anderson and Gary Hawley came before the Board to discuss the Museum 2012 budget. A 3% raise for the employees was requested. Ms. Anderson and Mr. Hawley agreed that the request for \$435 could be removed, supplies could be reduced to

\$710, conservation and storage could be cut to \$896 but they would like to increase repair and maintenance from \$650 to \$900. In section 3 (other services) travel was reduced to \$525, heat to \$12,400, utilities to \$14,300, and building to \$3,014. These items cut approximately \$4,500.

EXTENSION OFFICE

Gary Horner came before the Board for the Extension Office. Me. Horner did not ask for raises for the employees. Purdue is asking for a 1% increase for the contract employees. However the County gets 3 employees that do not receive any kind of benefits. Mr. Horner stated that all of his employees car pool to trainings and are always looking for ways to save money. The Board spoke with him about using the new machine in the Treasure's office for his flyers.

TREASURER

The Treasurer did not ask for a raise for herself but did ask for a 3% raise for her staff. Mrs. Morris did remove part time money from the budget since she receives two of the Commissioner's floats at tax time. The Treasurer asked for supplies and other services to increased from \$26,970 to \$29,060.

SOIL & WATER

Mary Lou Musselman and Troy Hattery discussed the Soil & Water budget. Mr. Hattery stated that they have an intern in their office that helps out. They did cut their 2011 budget as the Council requested. Soil & Water is also very fortunate to have help from Rick Duff, a state employee who helps them out.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Darrell Wooten discussed Planning and Zoning budget. Mr. Wooten asked for a 5% raise for the employees. He has included money for extra clerical because he feels he needs someone to get him organized and said there is a lot of paperwork not getting done. He also said that there are times when he moves the extra clerical money to the part time building inspector line.

The Board also spoke with Darrell regarding his comp time. All work needs to be done between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is permissible to stop somewhere at 8 a.m. on his way to work or leave a little early to stop somewhere on his way home but there should not be comp time.

CLERK OF THE COURTS

Tawna Leffel, Clerk of the Courts requested a 5% increase for employees. Ms. Leffel also separated budgets for Superior I and II (they are currently combined).

PROBATION

Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer, went over the budgets that she is in charge of. She requested a 5% salary increase for staff. Ms. Rice decreased her County General budget by \$6,784 by moving items to other funds to help County General for the short term, however if she has any equipment failure she may need to come back for an additional appropriation.

Ms. Rice also asked about allowing her staff to have unrestricted access to the internet to monitor sites pertaining to their offenders. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow (under her supervision) and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, discussed her budgets. She requested a 5% raise for staff. Mrs. McAuliffe said she could move the \$1200 appropriated in the County General account for travel to the Reassessment fund budget. She could also cut the \$600 for repair and maintenance.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller met with the Board to discuss his budgets. Sheriff Miller has done some cost cutting measures already this year such as moving a jail deputy to another

position and not filling the jail deputy position, there had been a cleaning woman two nights a week and he did away with that, went from two dumpsters down to one, put some restrictions in place on spending over time money and saving around \$6,000 on the health care for the inmates. This year alone, the savings amount to approximately \$45,000. He is willing to cut wherever he can

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Ken Scott, Michele Siegfred, Diane Engel, Karen Trigg and Dr. Farag met with the Board to go over the Health Fund budgets. The raises requested were between 4% and 5%. Health Department went up \$9,113 and Health Environmental increased \$6,774.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley